STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended, without prejudice, herein.

REMARKS

I. Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-20 stand rejected, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 112, due to the purported addition to the independent Claims of subject matter not in the specification as filed, namely arches separate from an open frame. No other rejections are stated in the Official Action.

Independent Claims 1 and 13 have been amended herein solely to expedite prosecution of the instant Claims, with traverse, without prejudice, and without acquiescing to the statements made in the Official Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made herein obviate the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of Claims 1 and 13, and that the Claims depending from each of Claims 1 and 13 have similarly overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 due to an ultimate dependence on a patentable independent base Claim.

Further, in view of the facts that no other rejections are stated in the Official Action, and that piecemeal examination would be improper at least under MPEP 707.07(g), Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-20 of the instant application are now in condition for allowance.

II. <u>Summary</u>

Having fully addressed the rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks and amendments, Claims 1-20 of the instant application stand in condition for allowance. Thus, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-20 is earnestly solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such a Notice of Allowance should not issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the number and address below in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved without the necessity of issuing a further Action. .

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